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## In the Specification:

Kindly amend the specification as indicated.

Page 1, Paragraph 1, please amend as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part of co-pending United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/145,566, filed on May 13, 2002, issued as United States

Patent No. 6,854,163, and a continuation-in-part of co-pending United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/454,770, filed on June 3, 2003, abandoned as of January 10, 2004, both are continuation-in-part applications of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/874,940, filed on June 4, 2001.

Page 12, Paragraph 44, please amend as follows:

Skin layer 104 can be formed from a variety of materials. Examples of such materials include expanded vinyl, which is; vinyl with a layer of foam that imparts a soft, textured feel; leather; plastic sheeting; plastic roll stock; any type of foam product; polyurethane; polyester; urethane; woven fabrics; rubber material; foil material; paper material; or any other material which could act as a covering to a hand support system. Any material utilized may be supported or unsupported. If skin layer 104 is formed from expanded vinyl, the vinyl surface may be smooth or textured.